

### **REMARKS**

Applicant notes with appreciation the detail attention accorded the present Application by the Examiner in the prior Office Action mail August 11, 2005 and in the present Office Action mailed April 19, 2006. In the present Office Action, Claims 1-7, 9 and 11 were rejected under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over Brussel et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,221,293) in view of Matsumoto et al. (U.S. Patent 5,653,534). Claim 8 is separately rejected under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over Brussel and Matsumoto in further of Azari (U.S. Patent 5,268,050). Claims 10 and 12 were objected to as they depend from a rejected base claim, but were acknowledged to recite allowable subject matter and new independent claims 13 and 14 were allowed. In response, are respectfully traversed and the applicant reserves the right to pursue further claims along the line of the rejected claims in future applications claims priority to the present application.

In view of the allowance of claims 13 and 14, however, those claims and dependent claims 2-7 and 9 have been amended for clarification and to depend from allowed claim 13, and old claims 1, 10-12 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's present rejection. To advance the prosecution of the present application, however, the claims have been amended to make all currently pending claims dependent from allowed claims 13 and 14. The claims now pending are claims 2-9 and 13-14. Favorable consideration is requested.

Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the pending claims and the arguments presented herein successfully overcome the Examiner's objections and

rejections to the Claims. Insofar as the rejections and objections may be maintained with respect to any of present claims, reconsideration and withdrawal are respectfully requested, as is the allowance of the claims.

On page 7 of the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner has cited Murakami (U.S. Patent No. 5,433,419) that discloses a production process for producing thermal plastic resin composite materials reinforced with a long fiber material. It is respectfully submitted that the present claims are patentably distinct over Murakami whether taken alone or in combination with any of the other references now cited in record in the present application.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes that all of the pending claims should now be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Enclosed herewith is a Petition for a one-month extension of time, extending the end of the period for responding to the outstanding office action from July 19, 2006 to August 19, 2006. Please charge the fee for the one-month extension of time to the undersigned attorney's deposit account, Deposit Account No. 13-4300. If any further fees are required to make the present response timely, the office is hereby authorized to charge them to the deposit account of the undersigned attorney's law firm, Deposit account. Thank you.

The Examiner is respectfully urged to contact the undersigned attorney if there are any further matters standing in the way of allowance of the above-identified application and it is believed by the Examiner that these matters can be addressed and resolved in a telephone conference and thereby speed the conclusion of the present prosecution. The Examiner's consideration in this regard will be appreciated.

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